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CO-OPERATIVE SUGAR SOCIETIES
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that co-operative consumer societies have become a burden on the public and are not supplying the items of daily use at competitive prices and of good quality;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to review the functioning of the existing consumer co- operative societies and stop giving further aid and not to sanction any more consumer co-operative societies; and

(c) the efforts being made to bring Kendriya Bhandar under the aegies of the Consumer Affairs Ministry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): No Sir, the Consumer Co-operative Societies have not become a burden onthe public as is revealed from their increasing sales level both in the urban and in the rural areas of the Country. As per the decision taken by the Government of Indiaearlier, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for assistance to consumer co-operatives bothin the urban and rural areas was transferred to the state sector on 31/03/1992. The review of the consumer co-operatives is not contemplated separately at the moment.

(c): The Administrative control of Kendriya Bhandar vests with the Department ofPersonnel & Training. So far, no request for transfer of the Kendriya Bhandar to the Department of Consumer Affairs has been received.